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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER DEMARCUS MITCHELL OF THE
9 BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2014 ALABAMA
10 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Officer Demarcus Mitchell of the Birmingham Police
14 Department as a nominee for the 2014 Alabama Legislative Medal
15 of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law
16 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of
17 duty; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Mitchell has been with the
19 Birmingham Police Department for five years and is assigned to
20 the North Precinct; and

21 WHEREAS, on December 1, 2013, while travelling north
22 bound I-59 at the interchange of I-65, Officer Mitchell
23 observed a male pedestrian purposely positioned in the roadway
24 to be struck by oncoming traffic; Officer Mitchell called for
25 back up units and directed other units to block traffic on
26 I-65 below; and

1 WHEREAS, as Officer Mitchell exited his vehicle and
2 began talking to the man, the man went to the railing of the
3 bridge and stepped over threatening to jump; without regard to
4 his own personal safety, Officer Mitchell grabbed and secured
5 the man who was still over the railing; three backup officers
6 secured the man and Officer Mitchell as they were brought to
7 safety; and

8 WHEREAS, if not for the actions of Officer Mitchell
9 and the other officers, most likely, the citizen would have
10 died as a result of falling onto the interstate; and Officer
11 Mitchell showed extreme bravery in grabbing and securing the
12 citizen; and

13 WHEREAS, the quick and selfless actions of Officer
14 Mitchell saved the life of this citizen; the dedicated service
15 of Officer Mitchell contributes greatly to the safety and
16 quality of life for the citizens of Birmingham, and he is
17 truly deserving of this distinguished nomination for the
18 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
21 Officer Demarcus Mitchell of the Birmingham Police Department
22 as a nominee for the 2014 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
23 Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this
24 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.